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Monday, September 5, 1983

## IDF QUILTS SHOUF WITHOUT CASUALTIES

By Hirsh Goodman

The Israel Defence Forces last night completed most of its redeployment in Lebanon to a new line on the Awali River. Only IDF troops stationed in 10 Druse villages on the western slopes of the Barukh range remained to be evacuated. According to the IDF spokesman, the massive operation was conducted "on schedule, with no casualties and not a single accident." The pullback of many thousands of troops, hundreds of armoured vehicles and tanks, and hundreds of other vehicles down the narrow and steep roads leading from the Shouf range to the coastal plain, was conducted meticulously. The redeployment is to ease the burden on the IDF by cutting down

on supply lines, removing forces from the main points of friction with the Druse and Phalange in the Shouf and with the PLO and "leftists" near Beirut. It will also remove the IDF from contact with the multi-national force, particularly the Americans, with whom relations have been strained. The move will mean that the IDF will have 40,000 fewer civilians to control. The Awali line has been in preparation for eight weeks, and was last night defined as "fully operational" by an IDF source. On Saturday afternoon, seven

hours before the order was given for the first brigade to start moving out of the Sofar region, east of Bhamdoun on the Beirut-Damascus highway, the commander of IDF forces in the Beirut area told the *Jerusalem Post* at his Aley headquarters that the chances that the IDF would have to withdraw under fire were "95 per cent certain." The commander's words were backed up by a senior Defence Ministry official in daily contact with the Druse, the Lebanese forces, the Americans and other parties, who said that all attempts to

find a political solution to the Shouf embroglio had failed.

The move was originally scheduled to begin at 4:00 a.m. yesterday, after having been postponed three times at the request of the Americans. On Saturday afternoon, however, it was decided to move it forward four hours, to midnight. The thinking was that if casualties were to be minimized on the Israeli side surprise was essential.

The Druse, the Lebanese Forces and presumably the PLO and the Syrians were all certain that the move would be early this week, having watched the preparations and cancellations. Also, a senior Israeli officer explained, the IDF enjoyed an absolute advantage in night fighting.

Both the Druse and the Christians were convinced that the IDF, with its cumbersome equipment, would not move down the treacherous roads of the Shouf at night. They had made their preparations to fight for control of strategic

areas left by the IDF at sunrise.

By the time the sun rose at around 5:00 o'clock, yesterday, however, the IDF was totally out of the region, and concentrated around Halde and Damour, waiting for the second stage of the pullback. Some units were to go to the new line along the Awali, others back to Israel to continue training programmes interrupted when they were sent into Lebanon several weeks ago, to back up the threat that the IDF would react fiercely to any attacks made on it while it was withdrawing.

The threat must have worked. Apart from one case of small-arms fire directed against an Israeli armoured column near Sofar, and a shot fired at forces on the eastern slopes of the Shouf, no incidents were reported.

Druse-Phalange fighting broke out within minutes of the first Israeli forces leaving. Key points contested were the junctions around Aley and Bhamdoun that control access points to Beirut from the east. Israeli planes were sent in to buzz four Druse T-54 tanks, recently supplied by the Syrians, that tried to enter the fray northeast of Bhamdoun. Later yesterday IDF sources said that two of the tanks had been

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## Arens warns Syria to shun vacated area

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV — Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday warned Syria against entering the area the Israel Defence Forces has vacated in Lebanon.

Speaking at a press conference at the Defence Ministry, Arens said, "We do not want hostile forces entering the area that we leave. It should be clear to the Syrians that this includes them. I think that message is well understood in Syria."

Arens would not say what Israel would do if Syrian troops do cross the former dividing line. "I don't think it would be very wise to talk about that eventually," he said in reply to a question. "We hope our statement will be sufficient to keep the Syrians out," he added.

When asked how long Israel would remain at the new line along

the Awali River, Arens said, "until we are sure hostile forces will not enter the areas we vacate. If the Lebanese Army, administration and police prove they can control the evacuated area, we would leave all of Lebanon."

In spelling out the conditions for further withdrawal, Arens did not include a demand that the Syrian Army also leave Lebanon. Asked whether the omission indicated a change in Israeli policy, Arens said, "I did not come here to give up one condition or another."

"I think that with regard to everything connected to the departure of the Syrian Army from Lebanon there is, at this moment, a united front among the U.S., the Lebanese Government and us. I suppose that in the future, too, we will act together, maybe even take

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## Tami, NRP leaders to meet with Alignment

By BENNY MORRIS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

No progress was achieved in yesterday's talks aimed at containing the Likud-led coalition under the premiership of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

And it was still unclear yesterday when Prime Minister Menachem Begin would submit his letter of resignation to President Herzog.

The discussions between the coalition partners were marked by the suspicion that one or more of the parties would opt for an alternative partnership with the Alignment. The suspicions focused on today's scheduled meetings between Alignment leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin and the heads of the Tami and National Religious parties.

Tami leader MK Aharon Abuhatzira told his coalition partners not to attribute "too much

significance" to his forthcoming meeting with the Alignment heads. Abuhatzira said he would inform Peres and Rabin of his party's commitment to continue with the present Likud-led coalition.

NRP leader Interior Minister Yosef Burg said: "Were I to conduct talks (on a coalition with Labour) I would be betraying my signature of Friday" on the document committing the NRP to back a Likud-led coalition under Shamir.

Tami yesterday continued to press its demand that the government drop its recent budget cut and taxation proposals, which the party maintains "hurts the poor people."

Aguda, for its part, said that all it wants of a Shamir-headed coalition is that it implement the clauses of the original coalition agreement — namely a fresh commitment by Shamir, and the various factions, to

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## Fighting flares in IDF's wake

### Lebanese Army claims capture of key junction

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Fighting erupted yesterday in Lebanon's central Shouf Mountains within hours of the Israel Defence Forces' pullback to the Awali River, with much of the combat centring on the strategic Halde junction south of Beirut International Airport and Bhamdoun on the Beirut-Damascus highway.

The Lebanese Army claimed to have seized the strategic Halde junction, which controls the coastal road to the south and was the focus of heavy fighting during last summer's IDF invasion. This was later denied by Druse militiamen, who claimed they had seized the junction in an offensive launched from the nearby Druse town of Shuweifat.

The fight for Bhamdoun, another focus of intense fighting last summer, brought Israel and Syria into action, according to agency reports from Beirut. Israeli aircraft are reported to have gone into action against Syrian tanks advancing on the strategically important town in support of their Druse allies.

Most of the fighting was between Druse militiamen and the fledgling Lebanese Army, which largely cleared West Beirut of leftist Moslem gunmen last week and now wants to take over the troubled, mainly Druse Shouf Mountains. But the Phalangist-dominated Lebanese Forces also joined in, as the scramble to take over previously Israeli-held positions began.

Heavy shelling and mortar fire went on throughout the day between Christian and Druse

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IDF troops on the seashore near Sidon after the withdrawal from the Shouf.

## U.S. request to delay withdrawal not serious

By BENNY MORRIS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The American requests on Saturday that Israel again postpone its planned withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains were "not made seriously. The Americans were (merely) going through the motions, to be on record as having made the request," said a senior Israeli official in Jerusalem yesterday.

But the telephone call Saturday evening from President Ronald Reagan to Prime Minister Menachem Begin repeating the request after Israel had rejected it earlier does indicate that Israeli and American perceptions of the situation were at variance.

According to well-informed sources, Reagan, with special U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane advising him, still believed on Saturday that there was a realistic possibility of achieving a peace agreement among the Lebanese factions in the coming days.

Israeli officials, however, had by this time despaired of the possibility that such an agreement could be reached quickly, if at all.

Hours before the start of the Israeli pullback from the area east and southeast of Beirut, Defence Minister Moshe Arens turned down the request conveyed by U.S. special envoy Richard Fairbanks that Israel delay the pullback by "a

few more days" to give more time for the conclusion of an agreement between the Christians, the Druse and the Lebanese government.

Informed of the Israeli response, Reagan a few hours later attempted personal presidential intervention, and telephoned Begin in Jerusalem, asking "if it was possible to hold up the withdrawal" once again.

According to the well-informed sources, Begin then consulted with senior cabinet ministers — Arens and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir — and called Reagan back, saying that the pullback planning was "too far advanced to halt now."

But "there are no hard feelings between Israel and the U.S.," following the rejection of the last American request and the IDF pullback, agreed the sources. "There is complete understanding."

The American position since the visit to Washington by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Arens last July has been that the planned IDF redeployment presented an opportunity for the Lebanese government to extend its sovereignty to further areas of Lebanon by moving its army into the areas evacuated by the IDF.

For the past weeks, the three governments have been trying to coordinate the redeployment in such a way as to benefit the cause of Lebanese sovereignty. The two

American requests to Israel to postpone the redeployment were made — and acceded to — in this context.

But the Americans knew all along that there was a limit to Israeli willingness to delay the postponement and accepted that Israel would move, in the absence of a political agreement between Israel and Lebanon is "now as good as frozen."

Well-informed sources confirmed that the U.S. had never "actively considered an extension of the multi-national force," whose basic component is marine units, into the Shouf Mountains.

## Jemayel may 'freeze' pact

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Lebanon yesterday reacted bitterly to Israel's pullback to the Awali River, with Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan and Foreign Minister Elie Salem quoted as saying that last May's withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon is "now as good as frozen."

Lebanon's state radio said that Wazzan and Salem had told Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Kleibi in a telephone conversation yesterday that "The Israeli pullback

from the (Shouf) mountains was staged outside the framework of the withdrawal pact" — which, the two ministers are quoted as telling Kleibi, "is now as good as frozen."

The radio did not elaborate on what was meant by the freezing of the agreement, but observers in Beirut last night speculated that Lebanese President Amin Jemayel might actually suspend the pact.

Lebanese news media yesterday were also highly critical of the withdrawal. They were quoted as accusing Israel of a "double-cross" in withdrawing so rapidly, citing

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## Dudein quits as head of village leagues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The founder and chairman of the West Bank village leagues, Mustafa Dudein, yesterday resigned as chairman of the Federation of Palestinian Leagues, the roof organization of the leagues in the area which was intended to serve as their political voice.

Dudein cited lack of support from the Israeli authorities and his colleagues as the major reasons for

his decision. He also said that he is old and not well and does not feel he can go on.

A meeting of the federation is scheduled for today and sources said that Dudein would probably be asked to withdraw his resignation, but "only out of courtesy."

These sources stressed that his resignation reflects an internal power struggle in which the younger leadership is set against him.

## Reagan weighing response to Soviets' downing of jetliner

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is to address the American nation this evening to disclose his response to the reported downing of a Korean airliner with 269 people aboard by the Soviet Union, congressional leaders said yesterday after meeting with him.

Reagan presided at a highly unusual meeting in the White House cabinet room for more than two hours at midday to review his options. The top Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate took part, as well as the president's senior national security advisers.

The congressmen reported that tape recordings of the monitored conversations of Soviet pilots said to be involved in the attack were played during the meeting. According to House Democratic leader Jim Wright of Texas, a

translation of a tape indicated one Soviet pilot described the Boeing 747 jet as an RC135, a U.S. military aircraft said to be used in spying missions off the Pacific coast of the Soviet Union.

But Wright noted that Gen. John Vessey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that in the two-and-a-half hours the plane was tracked by the Soviet Union as it approached Soviet territory and then entered Soviet airspace Thursday morning, the Soviet pilot should have been able to identify it as a passenger aircraft.

Adm. Bobby Inman, retired deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and a former head of the super-secret National Security Agency, said yesterday there probably was a substantial mistake made in programming the Boeing 747's computerized navigation system.

Meanwhile, bereaved families of Japanese and South Koreans killed on board the airliner yesterday tearfully threw bouquets into waters in the area where the plane was shot down.

In Seoul, the South Korean government met in emergency session to consider its response to the Soviet Union action, as anti-Soviet demonstrations continued throughout the country.

## Fighting sends 150,000 fleeing to South Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An estimated 150,000 refugees have fled southwards from Beirut and central Lebanon during the past week, in anticipation of the redeployment of the Israel Defence Forces along the Awali River.

Since it became clear at the end of last week that the IDF pullback was imminent, refugees fearing a bloodbath have been streaming southwards at the rate of some 30,000 a day. In Nabatiya, refugees have been occupying deserted houses and sleeping in their vehicles.

While there is no actual curfew in force, the IDF has asked South Lebanese citizens to remain in their homes during the redeployment. Virtually no refugees are in the streets, most of them sheltering in courtyards and buildings. Except for those who have relatives in the south, the refugees are not being cordially received there.

Druse are also among those fleeing from the area being evacuated by the IDF. Many of them have arrived in Hasbaya on the eastern front, where they have been taken in by relatives and kinsmen.

Some of the refugees plan to move back north once the trouble is over, but others envisage a long — perhaps permanent — stay in the

south. One family head told reporters that he had brought his family south because he feels safer there. They would settle in Nabatiya, he said, if they were unable to return to Beirut.

"We heard rumours about what might happen," he said, "and in the past rumours proved true." He said the people sensed that it would be unsafe in Beirut following the IDF move south.

He hopes there would not be a partition of Lebanon, but does not know what will happen. "It is not in our hands," he said.

Other refugees have managed to cross the border into Israel. Several dozen have arrived in Upper Galilee. A number were picked up by the police in Kiryat Shmona last night and taken to the Hazafon Hotel to sleep.

Ya'acov Friedler adds: A steady stream of hundreds of Lebanese are arriving in Rosh Hanikra daily to sit out the crisis.

The temporary refugees (mostly whole families) are arriving by car, and are all given a seven-day visa at the frontier post.

Some are on their way to Ben-Gurion-Airport to go to Europe until they feel safe enough to return home; others intend staying in Israel with relatives or friends, or in hotels.

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The section should be available in tomorrow's *Jerusalem Post*.



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CHICAGO	10	11	22	50 72
COPENHAGEN	10	11	22	50 72
FRANKFURT	12	14	21	54 70
GENEVA	16	16	18	61 64
HELSINKI	14	14	18	57 64
HONG KONG	22	21	32	72 90
JOHANNESBURG	14	17	22	63 72
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## THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	40	17-28	29
Givat	31	18-30	30
Nahariya	61	20-30	30
Safed	39	18-29	29
Haifa Port	38	24-29	29
Tiberias	43	21-35	36
Nazareth	38	20-31	31
Afula	38	19-32	33
Shomron	38	20-30	30
Tel Aviv	34	21-29	29
B-G Airport	48	21-31	32
Jericho	36	21-38	38
Gaza	73	22-29	29
Beerseba	37	16-34	34
Eilat	9	25-42	41

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday met with Johannesburg Mayor Alan Gadd.

Gabi Elchanani, former World Bank representative in Papua, will speak about that country at the Jerusalem Rotary West ladies night at the King David Hotel, tonight at 8.

## Five more die on country's roads

ASHKELON (Itim). — One man was killed and three persons were lightly injured yesterday when a private bus trying to overtake crashed into a taxi going in the opposite direction.

The accident occurred at noon about 1 kilometer south of Kibbutz Yad Mordechai. The dead man is Abraham Marilishvili, 50, of Ashkelon, a passenger in the taxi. The injured were the taxi driver and two other passengers, all from the Gaza area.

The bus was driven by Salah Muhamad, 26, of Gaza.

Over the weekend, the Gaza strip was the scene of three accidents which resulted in four fatalities, two of them young children.

A head-on collision of two private cars on the Gaza-Erez road caused the death of the driver of one of the cars, Bulos al-Faks, and of a woman passenger, Zinab Gandia, 50.

The driver of the second car, Yihya Shakur, whose vehicle had swerved out of its lane, was seriously injured.

Three-year-old Mortada Attia was crushed to death when run over by a car driven by Said Snaili. And two-year-old Osmia Sodem was crushed to death when run over by a truck driven by Hosni al-El.

In Petah Tikva, a 17-year-old motorbike rider was seriously injured on Saturday when he collided with a commercial vehicle.

Heinrich Herman, 84, of Kfar Shmaryahu, who was injured last Thursday in a road accident on the coastal road, near the entrance to the Nof Yam quarter of Herzliya, died yesterday at Beilinson Hospital.

## August tax revenues up 21% over last year

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The Treasury collected \$52.9 billion in various taxes and surcharges last month, the Finance Ministry spokeswoman announced yesterday. This represented a real growth of 21 per cent over revenues in August of last year, she said.

Income tax collection was up by 27.4 per cent, value added tax by 9.2 per cent, and various other indirect taxes by 1.5 per cent.

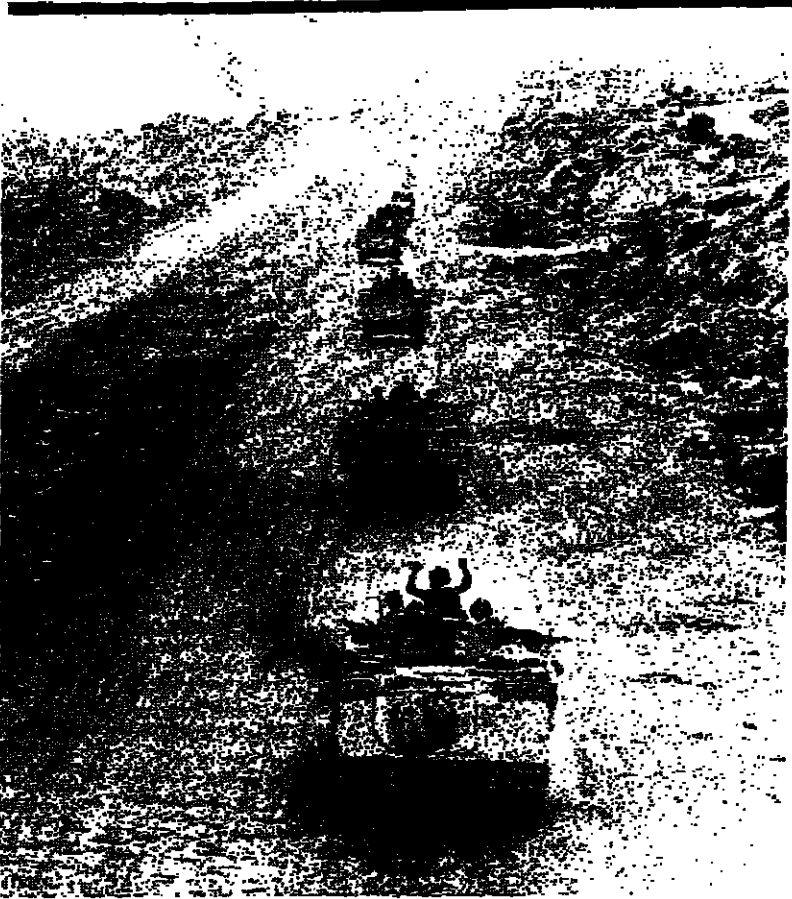
## Simha Ehrlich's tombstone unveiled

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An unveiling ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the graveside of the late deputy premier Simha Ehrlich at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.

About 150 people attended, including Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor and cabinet ministers Ya'acov Meridor, Mordechai Zipori, Yitzhak Moda'i, Moshe Nissim and Abraham Sharir. Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Ramat Gan Mayor Yisrael Peled were also among those present.

KUPAT HOLIM. — During today's "Kupat Holim Day" in the Negev, a new wing is to be dedicated at the Rahat clinic and a new floor is to be opened in Arad's central clinic.

## HOME NEWS



Israel Defence Forces armoured personnel carriers yesterday move south to embark on waiting landing craft at Sidon. (Camera 2)



## Haddad's forces also redeploying

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
METULLA. — Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, commander of the South Lebanon militia, said yesterday that his forces are taking up new positions following the Israel Defence Forces' redeployment along the Awali River.

Haddad said that the Lebanese Army should exploit the IDF withdrawal to take control of new territory. In the south, said Haddad, the main aim of his militias would be keeping the coastal road open.

Haddad said that his forces would consolidate their positions in Sidon and would aim to prevent terrorist penetration southward. He predicted that the terrorists would try to smuggle arms south, but said

his forces would stop them. The militia commander said he would not interfere with the civilian government in the south, but would ensure that the administration really acts in the interests of the people of South Lebanon.

Benny Morris adds: Israel does not intend a second "geographic" withdrawal from southern Lebanon. Rather, it regards the Awali line as the limit of its security zone and intends slowly to thin out its units in the area. This is to be done while taking account of the growing ability of Haddad's forces to police the territory and the possible decline in terrorist operations against Israel from the area, political commentators said in

Jerusalem. The commentators said that this Israeli thinning-out from the south would be in some way linked to a possible Syrian thinning of its units from the areas of Lebanon to the north.

The result of such a gradual thinning-out operation would be to leave Southern Lebanon policed and controlled by Haddad's forces, boosted by an Israeli HQ, advisory and logistics team of variable size, depending on local conditions. This would be similar to the situation which existed in Haddad-controlled Southern Lebanon before the June 1982 invasion, but would cover more territory and hence probably require greater Israeli forces.

## Lebanese Army wants Halde, highway

By BENNY MORRIS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The primary Lebanese aim following the Israel Defence Forces withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains is to have their army take over the Halde area, south of Beirut, and the Beirut-Damascus road from Aley to Bhamdoun, a senior Israeli official said yesterday.

The two areas are considered crucial to the survival of the regime of President Amin Jemayel: the Halde area controls the southern approach to Beirut and its international airport; the mountainous Aley-Bhamdoun area dominates the Lebanese capital topographically and represents the main potential access route for the Syrians to Beirut.

The Israeli official, basing his comments on the recent weeks of negotiations among Israeli representatives and Lebanese government, American, Christian Phalangist and Druse representatives, added that the Lebanese government's intentions with regard to the Aley-Bhamdoun region may be "less practicable" than those towards Halde, which the Lebanese Army apparently captured in yesterday's fierce fighting south of Beirut.

The Lebanese Army's plans were

apparently taken into account by the withdrawing IDF units, despite the fact that no formal "handover of positions agreement" was concluded by the two countries during the intensive negotiations of the past few weeks.

The Lebanese Army decided not to try to enter the Shouf Mountains without prior agreement of the Druse militiamen who control the area, said a senior government source, reviewing yesterday's short cabinet session.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens briefed the cabinet on the IDF withdrawal, with further details being provided by military intelligence chief Aluf (Maj. Gen.) Ehud Barak and his assistant.

A senior Israeli official said yesterday that Israeli-Druse relations "improved remarkably" over the past few weeks of negotiations, and this also might account for the lack of fire on IDF units as they withdrew.

Paradoxically, said the senior government circles, all parties involved — "the Lebanese Government, the Americans, the Phalangist and the Druse" — beseeched Israel to remain in the area.

The circles also charged that Syria was behind the "Leftist" efforts to frustrate an agreement among the warring Lebanese parties.

During yesterday's cabinet meeting, some ministers noted the world's indifference towards last week's massacre of Christians by Druse militiamen in a village near the Beirut-Damascus highway. There were no demonstrations in Israel about these murders, they noted.

The senior government circles declined to say whether in recent days Israel had transmitted a warning to Syria informing it of a "red line" in Lebanon: not caudoning the Syrians not to try to move into the territory Israel intended to evacuate. But "Israel's position in this matter was known and clear to the Syrians," said the circles.

The circles, while appreciative of the Lebanese Army's push into Moslem West Beirut last week, were not persuaded that the Jemayel government was rid of the threat of the Shi'a militia.

This is a "moment of testing" for the Jemayel government, said the circles.

The circles stressed that contrary to its position enunciated over a year ago, Israel had dropped its insistence on matching every Israeli withdrawal with a Syrian one. Israel has now withdrawn unilaterally from part of Lebanon and hopes that Syria will reciprocate.

## U.S. braces for more trouble in Shouf

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan Administration yesterday reacted nervously to Israel's military redeployment in Southern Lebanon.

President Ronald Reagan discussed the matter with his senior political aides during continuing National Security Council meetings on the Middle East as well as on the Soviet Union's downing of the Korean airliner.

U.S. officials confirmed that they had sought a further postponement of the Israeli withdrawal, fearing intensified fighting in the Beirut area. But Reagan said that the

withdrawal does not undercut U.S. policy in Lebanon. He told reporters, before a meeting with congressmen, that American policy would not be affected by the withdrawal, and also noted that the Israelis had postponed their withdrawal twice as a result of U.S. requests.

Newsweek magazine released a poll yesterday which showed that 53 per cent of the American public want the administration immediately to withdraw the 1,200 U.S. marines participating in the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon. Some 41 per cent are prepared to let the Marines remain in Lebanon for the time being. The remaining 6 per cent are undecided.

## TAMI, NRP

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pass the archeology and "Who is a Jew" bills.

The Tehiya faction had no ideological claims, but was pressing for the appointment of Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman as chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement.

Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron (Liberals) said her party has no demands of the Shamir coalition. But Deputy Minister of Agriculture Pessah Grupper, who expects to be appointed Agriculture Minister, wants to be the settlement committee chairman.

Six other MKs, four of them from the Liberal Party, yesterday kept up their demand for a Likud overture to the Alignment to join a Shamir-led government of national unity.

The Likud meanwhile appointed a six-minister committee, led by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, to start negotiating today with each of the coalition factions separately about their demands.

## Joshua Brilliant adds:

Alignment whip Moshe Shahal said yesterday he believes Labour has as good a chance — if not better — than the Likud of forming a new government. Shahal was interviewed after a meeting of the Alignment leaders.

Shahal argued that Prime Minister Menachem Begin already would have tendered his resignation to President Chaim Herzog, had he been sure that his Herut-slanted successor, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, is capable of forming a new government.

"The fact that it is Shamir who is holding on to Begin's coattails (pleading) that he does not resign doesn't show confidence in the present coalition-partners' resolve to form a new government," he said.

LUBAVITCH. — More than 500 Habad hassidim have already left from all parts of this country to spend the High Holidays with the Lubavitcher Rebbe in New York. Several hundred more are expected to leave in the coming days.

## LEBANESE

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townships in the hills encircling the capital, as well as in the Shouf Mountains farther south. Many shells landed on the edge of mainly Christian East Beirut, and at least one fell near the West Beirut seafont.

As usual, it was impossible to identify the gunners. The Lebanese Army, Syrian forces in the hills and the various militias all possess heavy artillery and multiple rocket-launchers within range of the battered capital.

The U.S. Marines and British, Italian and French troops of the multinational peacekeeping force were caught in the middle as the sides traded shells and rockets over their heads. One Italian soldier was reported wounded as the thunderous explosions cast a pall of smoke over Beirut's southern suburbs, and a Lebanese Army assault unit fought leftist Druse irregulars outside Beirut International Airport.

The Lebanese Army had been caught flat-footed by the Israeli withdrawal, which was accomplished in hours.

Lebanese soldiers had intended to take over from the IDF to prevent the outbreak of factional fighting. But the Israeli units were completely out of the important Aley province and well south of Beirut before any Lebanese Army unit moved from the capital.

By then, the Druse had launched a massive assault on Christian militia positions in four strategic areas — Bhamdoun, on the Beirut-Damascus highway above the capital, Souk al-Gharb and Roussat el-Numan, 10 to 20 kilometres east and southeast of Beirut, and the Halde junction in the south.

The Phalangists also were apparently caught by surprise, expecting the Lebanese Army to be in place before or at least immediately after the IDF pulled out.

"We don't know what happened," said the baffled Phalangist militia leader, Fadi Frem. "Yesterday we were tactically ready to move out and the Lebanese Army would move in. Now we are facing a war."

## Ramon air base to hold first gala concert

BEERSHEBA. — The Israel-Sinfonietta of Beersheba is to hold a gala concert tonight at the Ramon Air Force Base in the Negev. It will inaugurate the new 1,000-seat auditorium, reputed to be the largest in any Israel Defence Forces base.

Meanwhile, it has recently been announced that the orchestra's permanent conductor and musical director, Mendi Rodan, has been appointed conductor of the Belgian National Orchestra as well. This year he is celebrating 30 years on the podium.

## Burg appoints committee to consider summer time

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The question of whether to institute summer time in Israel will be studied by a committee of experts, who are to report their findings and recommendations to Interior Minister Yosef Burg by December.

Burg — who opposes summer time — yesterday named former labour minister Moshe Baram to head the committee. Proponents of summer time say it would benefit the public in many ways.

Earlier this month, the High

Court of Justice rejected a petition by MK Micha Harish (Alignment) asking it to order the introduction of summer time this year. But the court criticized Burg for failing to make a thorough study of the subject.

Baram and his committee of university professors, economists and physicians will try to determine the effects of summer time on energy consumption, public health, worker productivity, road and work accidents, and schooling. The religious aspects will also be studied.

## 2 more W. Bank settlements approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The joint government-Jewish Agency settlement committee yesterday approved the establishment of another settlement in the West Bank as well as the first Gush Emunim settlement to be established within the Green Line.

The committee approved the establishment of "Ganin B" in the Jenin area and also the commencement of work on a previously approved settlement in the southern Hebron hills to be known as Otanil.

Gush Emunim's settlement arm, Amana, won approval for its projected kibbutz, called Mitzpe-Nekofa, which is to be established in Lower Galilee overlooking the Netofa Valley.

A project by Herut veterans to set up a housing estate in the Modi'in area to be known as Givat Yehud, was also approved.

Two lookout-settlements (mitz-pim), which generally form the nucleus of a future settlement, were approved for the Arava.

## ARENS WARNS

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joint decisions." Israel yesterday gave an indication of what it would do if the Syrians entered the vacated area. Two Israeli jets strafed a small number of Druse-manned tanks which crossed from the Syrian-controlled area to the evacuated area at Sofar.

"Since these tanks came from across the dividing line, the Israel Air Force was called into action to fire some warning shots," Arens said. Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy said it was "more than an indication that we will not allow their entry into this area."

Another question raised yesterday was whether Israel was too hasty in pulling back from the Shouf; whether, instead of giving President Amin Jemayel's government and the Druse another chance at reaching an agreement, Israel had cleared the way for a blood-bath.

Arens said the Lebanese government's request that Israel delay its withdrawal once more had reached him on Saturday afternoon — after the troops had started moving. Moreover, he did not believe there was any prospect of an agreement "within the next few days."

Israel, he told the reporters, had been deeply involved in the attempts to work out an arrangement involving the Lebanese govern-

ment, the Druse, the U.S. and Israel. For months Israel had urged the Beirut administration to reach an agreement — but the Lebanese only budged when it became clear the Israeli withdrawal was imminent.

"We couldn't stay there indefinitely," Arens said.

Uri Lubrani, who headed the Israeli team which tried to work out a political compromise among the Lebanese groups, added that while "there had been a light at the end of the tunnel, that light kept moving further away as we went along."

He said that a basis for government-Druse agreement had been reached, which included the main Druse demands. According to it, the Druse would hold their fire, the Lebanese government would not frighten the Druse by concentrating forces in the Shouf and an independent body would monitor the arrangement.

But it took too much time to approve and that was "completely unacceptable to us," Lubrani said.

Arens maintained that the requests by the Druse, Christians, the U.S. and the Lebanese government that the IDF postpone its pullback indicated that Israel had established a good relationship with the warring factions. "We will make every effort to ensure that the good relations with the Christians and the Druse will continue," he said.

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## Frenchman charged with aiding sabotage Fatah plan to blow up Shalom Tower

TEL AVIV (Jm). — A 26-year-old Frenchman yesterday was charged in the local district court with taking photographs of the Shalom Tower to facilitate blowing it up. Henri Eicholtzer was also charged with investigating details of the security arrangements at the building for the same purpose.

According to the charge sheet, Eicholtzer was recruited to the Fatah terrorist organization in Algeria in 1977, after first visiting Libya. He was then allegedly trained in Lebanon in Beirut, Tyre and a number of refugee camps.

Eicholtzer is charged with coming to Israel in May 1978, together with a colleague, identified only as "Shafik." The charge sheet states that he knew that the purpose of his photography and information-gathering was the blowing up of the Shalom Tower. He passed on the photos and the information to "Shafik."

He was arrested at Ben-Gurion Airport when he returned to Israel this July and has been held at the Petah Tikva lock-up since then. The district court ordered Eicholtzer held until the end of his

trial and permitted publication of his name. The accused's attorney asked for the trial to be held as soon as possible and the first hearing was set for September 18.

Eicholtzer is also charged with contact with an enemy agent and with providing information harmful to state security.

A number of newspaper articles have already appeared in France, saying that the Israeli authorities threw an innocent Frenchman in jail merely because he taught French in a Beirut Lebanese refugee camp.



President Chaim Herzog yesterday affixes a mezuzah to a doorpost in Beit Hanassi as artist Ya'acov Agam, who designed it, looks on. (Scoop 80)

## U.S. Navy rabbi conducts Western Wall interfaith litany

By ILAN CHAIM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first ecumenical service ever conducted at the Western Wall — with the approval of the Ministry of Religious Affairs — took place yesterday under the leadership of a U.S. Navy rabbi.

Lieutenant Commander Arnold Resnicoff, first rabbi (Jewish chaplain) on the staff of the Sixth Fleet, led a mixed congregation of naval personnel and their spouses, of various religions, in a brief service of silent meditation. The 10-minute service ended with the Priestly Blessing, given by Resnicoff — who is also a *cohen*.

Held at a tiny chapel deep inside the recently excavated portion of the Western Wall (to the left of the plaza), the service took place at the part of the Wall where a gateway to a passage underlying the Temple Mount was recently walled up.

Asked to comment on the mixed-sex, mixed-religion service, Ministry of Religious Affairs representative Yonatan Yuval said the ministry was glad to organize such a service for such distinguished visitors. Asked whether such an event would serve

as a precedent for a visit by a civilian group also led by a Conservative rabbi from the U.S., Yuval said this would be impossible.

Yuval confirmed that this was the first time the ministry had allowed such a mixed service. He added that the ministry would be happy to repeat the courtesy for future visits by the U.S. Navy.

Resnicoff was ordained a Conservative rabbi after serving as a combat naval officer in Vietnam — then re-enlisted for a career in the naval chaplaincy. His job is to visit all the ships in the Sixth Fleet as part of a priest-minister-rabbi team.

Since the U.S. Marines are ministered to by the navy, he shortly is to spend his sixth visit to Beirut in recent months conducting Rosh Hashana services for Jewish marines serving with the multinational force. He led a seder there at Pessah.

He is the only rabbi in the navy to wear the insignia of the "Surface Warfare Officer," a rating earned in Vietnam. Because of his service, he was chosen to be the naval chaplain to deliver the benediction in 1982 at the dedication of the U.S. Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington.

## Yosef Begun dismisses court-appointed lawyer

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef Begun, the Prisoner of Zion being tried in the Soviet Union for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," has dismissed his court-appointed lawyer following the attorney's suggestion that Begun plead guilty, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned.

Begun faces a sentence of up to 12 years — seven years in a labour camp and five years in internal exile — for his "crime" of teaching Hebrew and promoting Jewish culture in Russia. The trial is scheduled to take place in Moscow in two weeks, after delays in charging Begun and in finding a lawyer willing to represent him.

The court-appointed lawyer, Leonid Popov, told Begun he should plead guilty and ask for the mercy of the court. Begun dismissed him and decided to prepare his own defence.

It was also learned that Nikolai Kolosov, the judge appointed to hear the case, has refused to

provide Begun with the legal documents necessary for his defence.

According to conference sources, the court has given Begun time to review materials for his case, but they are withholding specific legal documents that are vital to his defence.

Begun has been held in prison since November 6, longer than the nine months that persons may be imprisoned without trial, according to Soviet law.

The conference has called on Americans to write to Soviet Ambassador to the U.S. Anatoly Dobrynin to protest against the injustices caused Begun, who has already served two separate terms for "crimes" relating to his Jewish activism.

## Four-month Lebanon vigil near Begin's home is ended

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four months and 41 soldiers' deaths later, the marathon vigil that began in early May opposite the prime minister's residence to protest against mounting Israeli casualties in Lebanon ended yesterday. The demonstrators packed up their placards, but vowed they have not given up their fight.

"We aren't satisfied by the redeployment," said Uri Schwarzman, who along with army buddy Uri Barnea began the vigil that eventually drew 1,000 participants in one- and two-person shifts around the clock on the Rehov Balfour sidewalk outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's official residence.

"But since we expect the status quo after the deployment to last for several years, we are changing our tactics and are planning monthly demonstrations, rather than the round-the-clock affair," he added.

The demonstration stirred controversy when it first appeared on the sidewalk outside Begin's house,

with Begin supporters charging that the demonstrators, who made an alter-like placard with the current number of fatalities written on it, were "politicizing with blood." The demonstration began with the number at 476 dead. It ended at 517.

Begin's spokesman Uri Porat said yesterday the demonstration had had "no influence" on the premier, but that Begin "thought it a scandal" that the vigil had been allowed to disturb his neighbours.

The vigil, which was a bother to Begin's neighbours because of the incessant noise accompanying the political arguments that were conducted at all hours, outlasted all the other demonstrations, including those supporting Begin.

The police, who were charged with both protecting the vigil-keepers from possible assailants, and protecting the residents of Rehavia from disturbances caused by the vigil, conceded yesterday that the original group of demonstrators "was the best behaved of all that appeared" outside Begin's house during the summer.

## Woe greets end of Tislam rock group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The CBS Record Company's offices in Holon yesterday were flooded with calls from female fans of the popular Israeli rock group Tislam. The girls and women threatened to commit suicide if the group breaks up.

News of the group's intention to fold were broadcast on the radio Saturday evening and dozens of Tislam fans at Youth City, listening to the Third Programme, fainted. Tislam held a press conference yesterday morning announcing its

members intentions of going different ways.

Tislam members, who came to the Third Programme broadcasting booth at Youth City for an interview, had to be driven in a police van, as fans tried to tear souvenirs of the band's hair and clothing.

The six Tislam members, who have sold some 80,000 albums in Israel during their four years' activity, are known for their hits *Loud Radio*, *What a Groovy Morning*, *Give Me Rock'n Roll* and many others.

## Sea turtles endangered by W. Galilee bathers

BETZET (Jm). — The coast at this Western Galilee moshav has recently become a death trap for hundreds of turtle eggs and scores of newly hatched turtles trampled by bathers who do not notice them.

The adult female turtle which visits this shore to lay eggs sometimes reaches a length of one metre.

into a beach facility, attracting many bathers from all over the region. The bathers did not notice the eggs, which were concealed in small holes in the sand, or the tiny newly-hatched turtles, and trampled them.

For many years sea turtles have come to the heretofore deserted shore at night to lay their eggs. Last year, however, the shore was made

## Court bans Nazi propaganda records

BONN (JTA). — A court in Munster has banned dozens of records on the Nazi era, which were produced by the Liechtenstein-based company Documentary Series EST and marketed in Germany by a Düsseldorf firm. The court ruled that the records, presented as a scientific documentation, were nothing but propaganda for Nazi ideology.

The case was brought to court by the Düsseldorf firm, which wanted a previous ban imposed by a federal office to be lifted. But the court decided that it was right to put the records on the list of hearing material which constitutes a danger to the youth.

The records carried such names as *Waffen SS*, *Feldzug IM Westen* and *Blitzkrieg in Polen*. They included speeches, songs and reports. In one record on the Nuremberg trials of Nazi criminals, the producer introduces background funeral music which gives the impression, according to the judges, that the men charged before the international court deserve pity.

ZAIRE. — An agricultural delegation is due to leave for Zaire early next month to help in the development of that country's farming, according to a report in *Bamahane Nahal*.

## Rosy tourism figures not really so bright

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The impressive tourism figures announced for last month should be taken with a large grain of salt, economic circles in Jerusalem said over the weekend.

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, 113,000 tourists entered the country in August — 20 per cent more than in August of last year and 2 per cent more than in August 1981.

However, a breakdown of arrivals according to points of entry and method of travel (by air or sea) tell another story, especially if viewed on the basis of the eight-month (January-through-August) period.

In tourism circles, a "genuine" tourist is one who arrives by air and is a potential customer at a hotel or retail shop. But such arrivals in the first eight months of this year totalled 582,500 — only 100 more than in the similar period a year ago.

On the other hand, the real surge in "tourism" resulted from visitors from Jordan coming to see friends and relatives in Judea and Samaria and tourists and businessmen from Lebanon hopping across the border for brief visits or trade. Arrivals from Egypt increased by a mere 6 per cent.

Thus, the number of visitors entering from Jordan

rose from 32,200 during January-August 1982, to 44,200 in the first eight months of this year. The increase was even sharper from Lebanon: 2,976 to 45,400.

As one economist put it last night: "Statistics can be fun. Why, a Lebanese greengrocer who crosses the border checkpoint at Metulla or Rosh Hanikra to pick up a few sacks of potatoes or a carton of cucumbers is registered as a tourist, and the Tourism Ministry in Jerusalem gleefully adds this visit to its statistical data bank."

While tourism officials and government statisticians agree that last year's figures were abnormal because of the outbreak of the war in June, even a comparison of this year's figures with those of 1981 are not too encouraging.

The bureau reports that the number of tourists arriving by air last month was actually 8 per cent below that of August 1981.

Other comparisons with 1981 show the following: the grand total of tourists entering Israel in the first eight months of this year — 775,000 — was 2 per cent less than in the same period of 1981, and the 582,500 who arrived here by air so far this year represented a drop of approximately 11 per cent from the same period of 1981.

## British psychiatrists find: Public meetings more influential than TV

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Psychiatrists from the University of London have scientifically confirmed what dictators (and even liberal politicians) know instinctively: that it is far easier to influence people at public meetings than in their own homes.

A paper on hypnotic and social suggestibility carried out by experts of the university's Institute of Psychiatry, was read at the International Congress on Hypnosis in Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic

Medicine, held at Rambam Hospital here last week.

The experts found that, whereas hypnotic susceptibility does not significantly differ in the subject's home or outside — you either have the trait or you don't — social suggestibility is significantly less in a person's own home.

"At home, in your own territory as it were, your own mind has the decisive influence and not what somebody tells you through the media or leaflets; but outside one is ready to submit to social pressures,"

one of the researchers told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Their tentative conclusion is that humans find it easier to oppose a message from authority in their own homes. This is likely to be of significance for outdoor political propaganda, advertising, health education and similar matters.

"My estimation is that if a politician can get people to attend his meeting, or goes out to meet the people in the streets, stores, or banks, his message will be more effective," said the researcher.

## Haifa's 'Sabbath siren' to be muted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The "Sabbath siren" on the roof of the Tifereth Yeshiva in Rehov Arlosoroff here is to be muted, thanks to Independent Liberal town councillor Haim Jankelovitch.

Jankelovitch, who had been campaigning for a quieter wall for many weeks, said the siren — which

signals the approach of the Sabbath — had especially alarmed children and the chronically ill.

At last Thursday's council meeting Mayor Arye Gurel informed him that he had told city inspectors to order the yeshiva to tone down the siren, failing which City Hall would take steps against the institution.

## Gala evening in Haifa for Arab-Jewish ties

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An evening of music and dance by Jewish and Arab entertainers at the auditorium in Central Carmel last night marked the start of a New Year programme by the municipality to promote closer ties between the city's Arab and Jewish communities.

Mayor Arye Gurel, who presided over the opening ceremony, declared the motto for the year is "Friendship and Gladness."

CIVIL DEFENCE. — A Civil Defence (Haga) exercise is to be held today in the area of Be'er Ya'acov (between Ramle and Nes Ziona) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be simulated firing and explosions, and an all-clear siren will be sounded. In case of an actual alert, a rising and falling siren will be sounded.

## Police to probe hanging death of jailed man

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 45-year-old man, arrested on suspicion of having sexual intercourse with his daughter during the past few years, hanged himself with a piece of blanket in the toilet of his cell at the Abu-Kayin custody house between 2 and 4 a.m. yesterday, police said.

None of the other detainees in the same cell tried to stop him or to alert guards. The detainees told police later that they "didn't notice anything."

At 2 a.m., the cell was opened and two men were added to the nine already inside. But two hours later, when guards opened the door to release a number of suspects, they found the man hanging in the toilet. The dead man, a Tel Aviv resident, had been depressed, police sources said.

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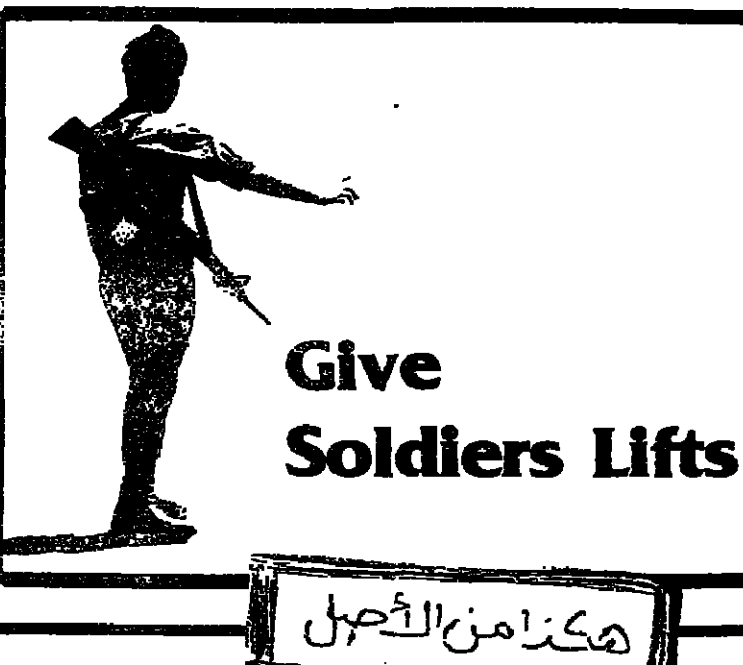
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MUTLANGEN (Reuters). — West Germany's anti-nuclear movement yesterday lifted sit-down blockades of two U.S. air bases after a day marked by clashes with police and a bid by one woman to burn herself.

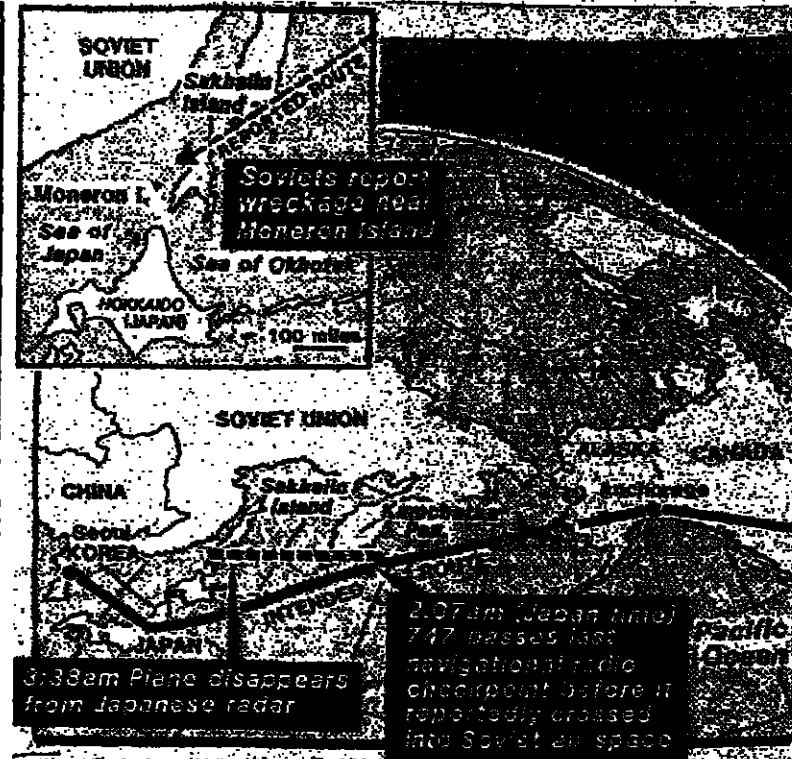
Police detained about 150 people, including parliamentary deputies of the anti-nuclear Greens Party, after using water cannon to clear them from the entrance of the Bitburg base, near Frankfurt.

A second blockade by about 2,500 people, which began at the Mutlangen munitions base on Thursday morning, produced no clashes between police and demonstrators. But police moved in quickly yesterday afternoon when an unidentified woman set fire to herself near the camp entrance.

They doused the flames and doctors said the woman was not badly burnt.

The two blockades were part of a peace movement campaign against NATO plans to site new U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe if Moscow refuses to destroy its arsenal of SS-20 medium-range missiles.

The campaign is due to culminate next month in a national "Week of Action," with pickets of the Defence Ministry in Bonn, more blockades of U.S. bases and demonstrations in cities.



Lines show the route of the Korean jetliner believed shot down by the Soviet Union last Thursday. (UPI telephone)

## U.S. presidential aspirant against income tax, NATO

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A political party that advocates the unrestricted use of drugs and alcohol and the abolition of income tax, yesterday nominated California lawyer David Bergland as its 1984 presidential candidate.

Bergland, 48, said of his chances of capturing the White House for the Libertarian Party: "If I had to bet my life savings, I would probably pick another candidate."

He said the party aims to abolish most main government departments and public education. It would also end welfare and social security payments, permit unrestricted use of drugs and alcohol, withdraw all U.S. troops from abroad and severely reduce defence expenditures, while taking the U.S. out of NATO, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Almost one million Americans, a little over 1 per cent of those voting, backed the Libertarian Party in the 1980 presidential elections.

## Work progressing on 'death ray'

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. and Soviet scientists are working separately to develop a "particle beam" ray gun that some experts say is a threat to all life and others call a saviour that could end the nuclear balance of terror.

Soviet scientists have been working for years on particle beam weapons firing enormously powerful subatomic particles that could be deployed in space to shoot down U.S. satellites or attacking missiles, according to retired general George Keegan, a former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence.

American scientists, meanwhile, are developing similar weapons that might be used to defend navy ships against attacking cruise missiles.

After President Ronald Reagan announced in his "Star Wars" speech in March that research

would be stepped up on a possible anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system, U.S. officials mentioned particle beam technology as one promising avenue.

But some analysts see particle beams as "the ultimate threat," as David Baker, a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) consultant, wrote in a recent book.

"A (space-based) particle weapon of immense power could, theoretically, propagate a beam of intense energy, forming a radioactive cone down to the surface of the earth... everyone in the beam's cone would die, every living thing would perish," Baker wrote.

"The entire population of a nation could be destroyed in seconds and the limitations of use for such a device would not prevent the in-

discriminate annihilation of all people..."

Development of such awesome capabilities would probably be several decades away, Baker wrote.

But Keegan, saying he does not believe the death beam that Baker warned of was possible, said he views particle beam technology as a potential salvation from the nuclear balance of terror that the superpowers now maintain.

In addition to shielding a nation from attacking nuclear missiles by destroying them in flight, he said, particle beams could be used to "destroy between 30,000 and 90,000 of the enemy's high priority targets on the ground within 30 minutes."

He said this could be done without recourse to nuclear explosions and could thus allow Moscow and Washington to negotiate reductions in their nuclear arsenals.

## Chad quiet after reported gov't victory

N'DJAMENA (Reuters). — Northeastern Chad was calm yesterday after a one-day battle which the government of President Hissene Habre hailed as a morale-boosting victory over Libyan-backed rebels, Chad officials said.

No fighting was reported from the Oum-Chalouba area some 640 kilometres from N'djamena, where the government said a large rebel force attacked its garrison last Friday.

There was no official response to a statement by rebel leader Goukouni Oueddei, reported by African radio stations, that his men were still in control of Oum-Chalouba.

The government says provisional figures show 800 rebel dead and 600 captured after the loss of only 15 wounded.

Informed sources in N'djamena

and military sources in Paris said two French Jaguar strike planes roared low over the battlefield, spreading panic among the rebels and turning the fighting in favour of Habre's forces.

Chad officials and the French military in N'djamena both denied any of the four Jaguars or the four Mirage fighters based in the capital were in the Oum-Chalouba area on Friday.

The French have over 2,000 troops in Chad, in addition to the warplanes sent to support Habre's government last month, after it lost most of the north to the rebels.

Paris is still boosting those forces. A French military spokesman said a squadron of Gazelle anti-tank helicopters arrived yesterday and eyewitnesses counted 15 of the gunships at the airport.

## Moslem coup plot alleged in Trinidad

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP). — Security police here claimed Saturday to have uncovered a plot to overthrow the government by a radical Black Moslem sect backed by Iran.

A police spokesman said a raid on the group's headquarters failed to produce evidence, but that the leaders were being kept under close surveillance. He said there had been no arrests.

The spokesman said police believe support for the group is being channelled through the Iranian Embassy in Caracas. Trinidad-Tobago lies 10 kilometres off the Venezuelan coast.

Iranian Embassy personnel have been observed visiting the sect's headquarters in suburban Port-of-

Spain, the spokesman said, while group leaders have made several trips to Caracas in recent months.

"We believe the intention is to seize the government and set up a fundamental Moslem regime such as the one in Iran," the police spokesman said.

He said the group's membership includes several former members of the Trinidad-Tobago Defence Forces who are believed to be carrying out weapons training in a remote area of the country.

Police learned of the alleged plot from sect members who opposed the plan, the police spokesman said. Less than 10 per cent of Trinidad-Tobago's 1.2 million inhabitants are Moslems.

## Non-Catholics in Spain oppose religious tax

MADRID (Reuters). — Spain's Jews and Protestants are uniting in opposition to a proposed "religious tax" designed to bring religions into line with Spain's new secular constitution.

The proposals would enable Spaniards to apportion a tithe of their income tax to a religion or charity by indicating the sect of their choice in annual tax returns.

The 1978 constitution, and accords with the Vatican in 1979, formally severed a link between church and state that dated back to the foundation of modern Spain in the Middle Ages.

The Catholic Church, which had relied on direct state support for centuries, suddenly faced the problem of how to finance itself.

The government and the still powerful Catholic hierarchy came up with the idea of the voluntary income tax return, a system applied in

West Germany, Austria and Scandinavia.

But both the Jewish and Protestant communities oppose the scheme on the grounds that it violates an article in the constitution which says: "Nobody may be compelled to make statements regarding his religion, beliefs or ideologies."

"We oppose the system in principle, because people should not be obliged to declare their faiths on any government list," the leader of Spain's 12,000-strong Jewish community, Samuel Toledano, told Reuters.

He said the experience of the Nazi persecution and extermination of Jews in Europe made any Jewish community naturally wary of such lists.

Baptist pastor Jose Cardenas, spokesman for the 250,000 members

of Spain's various Protestant communities, said the tax would create clashes of interest between church and state.

"We do not want the state to be the treasurer of any religion," Cardenas told Reuters.

Justice Ministry officials who negotiate with the religious bodies argue that the system, to be introduced next year, would remain voluntary. If people leave the relevant form blank, their tax designated for religion would go to state welfare.

The Protestants and Jews say the system applied in the U.S., whereby voluntary contributions to charities or religions can be written off against tax, would be a more just solution, but they recognize that it has little chance of replacing the proposed automatic tax deduction in Spain.

## Sports

## Ovett regains 1500 m. record

RIETI, Italy (Reuters). — Briton Steve Ovett regained the world 1,500 metres record with a time of three minutes 30.77 seconds at an international athletics meeting here last night.

Ovett's time in the small town stadium at Rieti in Central Italy beat the existing record of 3:31.24 set by American-based South African-born Sydney Marce nine days ago in Cologne.

Marce's time bettered the existing record of 3:31.36 set by Ovett three years ago.

The organizers here said the wind, gusting up to two metres per second, did not interfere with Ovett's new record because of the distance of the event.

Earlier today, world champion Steve Cram of Britain failed in an attempt at the record in Narvik, Norway, finishing in a time of 3:33.06.

## 5th Ave. mile

NEW YORK (AP). — Steve Scott, America's premier miler for the past six years, took charge with about 300 metres remaining and won the Fifth Avenue mile in 3 minutes, 49.77 seconds on Saturday, with Ross Donohue a surprise second.

Scott's victory in the men's elite mile followed a record-setting triumph by Britain's Wendy Sly in the women's elite mile. Sly was clocked in at 4:22.66.

## Ivan marches on

NEW YORK (AP). — A man with a mission, second-seeded Ivan Lendl continued his relentless march toward his first Grand Slam title yesterday, crushing Johnny Levine 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 and advancing into the round-of-16 at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships. He has lost only 14 games in his rapid rise into the fourth round.

Lendl set a single-year record in 1982 when he won more than \$2m. But, he feels his record is flawed since he has not won a Grand Slam tournament. "I'd give all my titles and money to win a Grand Slam tournament," he has said.

An anonymous caller telephoned Jimmy Connors and threatened to kill him on the court if he played. He disregarded the threat and beat Bruce Manson 6-3, 7-5, 6-3. Then he was rushed off the court under guard.

In the women's championship, France's Pascale Paradis, 15, unseeded but considered to be the best junior in the world, shocked sixth-seeded Andrea Temesvári 6-4, 6-4.

Other results: non-title Grand Slam first round: Mats Wilander 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; Eliot Telcher beat Andre Jarry 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; Bill Scanlon beat Pat Cash 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; John Lloyd beat Terry Moor 6-3, 5-7, 2-6, 6-8, 6-1.

Women: Martina Navratilova beat Kate Gornett 6-2, 6-2; Pam Shriver beat Kim Kistner 6-0, 7-6; Sylvia Hanika beat Grace Kim 6-3, 6-0; Andrea Jaeger had a tough struggle to beat Mimi Jausovec 6-2, 6-7, 7-6.

## Amos in final

Post Sports Staff  
Amos Mansdorf, Israel's 17-year-old tennis champion, yesterday reached the final of the Canadian Junior International Tennis Championships in Laval, Quebec, a Group One category tournament of the International Tennis Federation's circuit for boys and girls under 18.

In the semi-final he beat an Australian, Mark Kreizman 6-2, 6-3, and now faces another Australian, Raymond Ruel, in the final.

Mansdorf and fellow-Israeli Gily Biel reached the semi-finals of the doubles, but were beaten there by an American pair.

Mansdorf's splendid form is particularly pleasing as it comes after a three-month lay-off due to a broken wrist. From Canada he goes to Flushing Meadows for the U.S. Junior Championships.

## Flying Orioles

NEW YORK (AP). — Baltimore pounded six home runs, including two by Cal Ripken Jr. and a grand slam by Ken Singleton during a seven-run third inning, as left-hander Scott McGregor, and the Orioles blasted the Minnesota Twins 13-0 on Saturday.

Ripken added two doubles and a single, going for 5-for-6 and tying a team record for hits and runs in a game, as the Orioles added three Twins pitchers for 18 hits. The six home runs were the most ever given up in a game by Minnesota.

Baltimore's 39 total bases tied a team record.

Saturday's Games  
American League  
Baltimore 13, Minnesota 0; Detroit, 7, Toronto 4; Cleveland 13, Oakland 6; Chicago 9, Boston 4; Kansas City 5-1, Texas Rangers 0-8 (double-header); Milwaukee 4, California 3; New York 5, Seattle 3.

National League  
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 2; Chicago 9, Houston 3; San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 4; Los Angeles 4, Montreal 0; Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 2; New York 4, San Diego 3 (15 ins.).

## Quick KO

SARASOTA, Fla. (Reuters). — American Don Curry, the World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion, floored competitor Roger Stafford three times in the first round to keep his title in a sensational victory last night.

## Under the Strait

SAN GIOVANNI, Italy (AP). — A 16-year-old girl, Antonella Del, on Saturday became the first female to swim underwater across the Strait of Messina dividing Italy and Sicily, the Italian News Agency Ansa reported.

## Cup unwanted

ZURICH (AP). — France, West Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia have withdrawn from the running to host the 1990 Soccer World Cup.



# IN THE CLUTCHES OF CULTS

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

AIMLESS HIGH school and college students aren't the only group among American Jews to fall into the clutches of cults. It now appears that their grandparents — lonely and living on Social Security cheques in the South and West — are also being preyed upon.

This distressing fact was discovered by Marcia Rudin, who wrote a book on cults called *Prison or Paradise?* with her husband, Rabbi A. James Rudin.

"Jews are overrepresented in the cults, which comprise over 1,500 separate groups," says Rabbi Rudin, who is assistant national director for inter-religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. "We don't know their exact numbers, but it is estimated that Jews account for 15 to 25 per cent of members of some of the largest cults."

The phenomenon of young Jews being swept into these groups, whose main motivation is monetary, is well known. Recruited on campuses and in the streets, they are forced to hand over savings and earnings to the guru in exchange for the "brotherhood" that they are granted by fellow members. Rabbi Rudin, a graduate of the (Reform) Hebrew Union College in New York, states that those attracted to cults tend to be ignorant of Judaism and looking for something "meaningful" elsewhere. They prove unable to withstand "heavy coercive persuasion" by the cult members, says Rudin.

"If they don't free themselves

before a year is up, they are unlikely to get out," he continues. "We used to think that when a person reaches 30, he feels uncomfortable with the age gap between himself and the much younger people joining the cult and decides to drop out. But we've found this isn't so. People are growing older with the cult they joined years ago."

OLDER JEWS living alone in Florida, California and Arizona are new victims of the cults. "Someone may come up to them and offer them a hot meal or companionship. Before they know it, they're in a cult and have to hand over their retirement cheques," says Rudin. He is familiar with cases of young people or middle-aged Jews trying to free their aging grandparents or parents of the cults. There are also cases of relatives trying to free children born into the cults.

The Christian Evangelical churches are as concerned about cults as Jewish organizations, says Rudin. "It's a big business, and it cuts across religious lines."

Rudin believes that the cult phenomenon comes in cycles, and that, for the foreseeable future, the cults will remain strong and take in new members. The decline of the Peace Corps, anti-war demonstrations and other mechanisms for youthful enthusiasm to express itself

helped pave the way for the rise of the cults.

But the courts have become active in cases involving cults, including tax-exemption abuse, incidents of child abuse in the cults, and deception and coercion.

"No one took me and my wife seriously in the 1970s when we raised the issue of the cults in our book, but now they are trying to deal with it," says Rudin.

RUDIN'S BOOK on cults was published by Fortress Press of Philadelphia, a Lutheran-backed company, as was his recently published book *Israel for Christians*. Working under the AJC's Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, Rabbi Rudin has become an expert in Jewish-Christian relations. His highly acclaimed book, just 149 pages in length, presents the meaning of Zionism and the importance of Israel to gentile readers, and faces head-on a number of difficult questions, such as the Palestinian problem and the Vatican's view of Israel.

Born in the American South, Rudin was familiar with some of the many Christian denominations. Since joining the AJC, he has conducted endless discussions with them.

Christians ask four main questions about Judaism and Israel:

what are the links of the Jewish People with Israel? what is meant by a "Jewish State"? what are the ties between Judaism and Zionism? and what's the relationship between the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora?

Rudin has encountered Christians of "extremely good will" who ask serious questions. His book, published in January, was meant to provide these answers.

Many Christians relate to Israel for basic biblical reasons, and others for moral or historical ones. Some are cool or hostile. Christian missionary groups among this last category, says Rudin, are motivated by their notion that Christianity supplanted Judaism 2,000 years ago, and that the State of Israel runs counter to their theology. "We like to think that the missionaries are the smallest group."

IRONICALLY, both those who believe in supporting Israel for Israel's sake, and those who believe in converting Jews, take the same texts and reach different conclusions.

There are an estimated 40 to 50 million fundamentalist Christians in the U.S. Only now are Jewish organizations, "with the AJC in the lead," making contacts with them around the country. "Relations with the Evangelicals today is at the

same stage that Jewish-Catholic relations were 20 years ago. Now Jewish-Catholic ties are very good," says Rudin.

The AJC has organized conferences with Evangelical laymen, clergy and academics, has published the proceedings and distributed the books in seminars. The AJC has also begun to forge links with the Spanish-speaking community in the U.S. — whether Mexican, Puerto Rican or Latin American — which is becoming the largest minority group in America.

Trips to Israel are organized, so the Christians can see for themselves. "Nothing is more effective in changing attitudes than a visit to Israel."

In order to counter anti-Semitic beliefs in the various churches, the AJC is organizing meetings of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant seminary students and their faculties. At these conferences, materials about Israel and Judaism studied in Christian seminaries are themselves studied. "These seminars are finally beginning to make changes in the learning materials and curricula," says Rudin, "and these students will be the religious leaders of the 21st century."

Rudin is encouraged by the results of Jewish-Christian meetings of this kind. He notes that Orthodox rabbis as well have realized the importance of such contacts, and are taking part in ecumenical meetings with their Reform and Conservative colleagues.



Hare Krishna convert seeks another.

(Rubinger)

## IMPROPER AUTOPSY

LAW REPORT/Asher Felix Landau

ON THE MORNING of July 10, 1983, Zippora Anis was found dead in her apartment in Haifa. An iron pipe, and a metal bar which there was a stain that resembled blood, were found near a window, and it also appeared that some rust on the metal bar was similar to particles of rust found in the apartment. The ambulance crew of Magen-David Adom suspected foul play, because the apartment was in a state of disarray, and it was also discovered that the metal bar was similar to one found at the scene of a house-breaking in the vicinity.

The police requested the Magistrate's Court to investigate the cause of the deceased's death under section 19 of the Causes of Death (Investigation) Law of 1958, and the magistrate ordered an autopsy before deciding whether or not to hold the investigation requested.

The Hevra Kadisha, which had participated in the hearing on a

summons by the police, applied to the High Court of Justice to set aside the magistrate's order for an autopsy as illegal, since he had not yet decided to investigate the cause of death, and to direct the respondents to facilitate the making of all the necessary arrangements for the deceased's burial.

Counsel for the police opposed the application, and argued, *inter alia*, that the Hevra Kadisha had no legal standing in the matter.

The judgment of the court was given by Justice Meir Shamgar. The petitioner had described itself, he said, as responsible for deceased Jews in Haifa, particularly in regard to their burial according to law. It had also averred that it had been appointed the legal representative of deceased Jews who had no family, but no such appointment had been presented to the court.

Counsel for the state had in-

formed the court that each police district had its own policy in regard to summoning the Hevra Kadisha to appear in proceedings under the law referred to, and that it was the policy in Haifa to issue such a summons. Since the petitioner had been summoned to appear by a state authority without having asked for leave to appear, it was strange for the state to argue now that it had no legal standing. The very fact of its having been summoned in this way was sufficient to give it that standing.

The deputy-president then referred to section 19 of the Causes of Death (Investigation) Law, which empowers a magistrate to conduct an inquest where there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that death was caused, *inter alia*, by an offence, and to section 26 of that law, under which the magistrate may order an autopsy.

He pointed out, however, that under section 9 of the Anatomy and Pathology Law of 1953, an autopsy may not be ordered unless a member of the deceased's family has been informed, and, *inter alia*, "any interested person or body who appears shall be given an opportunity of being heard." There is no definition in that law of "an interested person or body," but according to regulations issued by the minister of health under that law, the Hevra Kadisha, among others, is given the right to object to the retention of a body by a medical school.

It must be assumed, said Justice Shamgar, that the police decided to apply the same principle to the present proceedings. In any case there was no need to lay down any general rule in the present matter, since there was certainly no justification for preventing the Hevra Kadisha, which had already been summoned and had appeared, from continuing to participate in the proceedings for lack of standing.

IT HAD already been held by the Supreme Court, Justice Shamgar continued, that a magistrate is not empowered to order an autopsy unless he has already decided to conduct an inquest under section 19 of the Causes of Death (Investigation) Law. In the present case, the magistrate had not yet so decided, and his order for an autopsy was therefore unlawful.

It was to be regretted, Justice Shamgar said, that the police had not presented to the magistrate a full and accurate picture of what had occurred. It was not clear

whether the door of the apartment was open, or closed but not locked. There were no reports from Magen David Adom, and no medical report as to the external condition of the body, and the inferences to be drawn therefrom. The metal bar seemed to be irrelevant since there were no signs that the apartment had been broken into, as far as was known, and no external signs of a blow on the body with such a bar.

An affidavit by the police officer who appeared before the magistrate, in which he stated certain facts mentioned to him by the government pathologist, Dr. Bloch, had been handed into the High Court. Had these facts been placed before the magistrate, there would have been no need for the affidavit, and, in any case, it would have been preferable to present an affidavit by Dr. Bloch himself, and not by the police officer to whom he spoke.

It had already been held, as the magistrate said, that lack of clarity as to whether the death was caused by an offence or not justified an investigation and also, perhaps, an autopsy. This, however, did not excuse an incomplete presentation of the known facts by the police. In the present case, the magistrate could not reach a conclusion since a number of facts which could have been placed before him were not brought to his knowledge.

For the above reasons the court decided to return the case to the magistrate to enable him to hear the evidence of those who found the body, and of the pathologist, and then to decide whether there should be an inquest under section 19 of the Investigation Law, and an autopsy under section 26 of that law. The court also ruled that the Hevra Kadisha is entitled to appear at the further hearing.

Advocate Raphael Shtub appeared for the petitioner, and Advocate Shmuel Tsur, Senior Assistant State Attorney, for the police. Judgment was given on July 14, 1983.

## Heavenly harp

MUSIC/Benjamin Bar-Am

HARP RECITAL by Grace Wong (Tel Aviv Museum, August 27). Puccini: Sonata; Hindemith: Sonata; Ani Maayan: Sonata for Harp; Britten: Suite for Harp, Op. 83; Gauthier Schiller: Fantasy for Solo Harp; Salzedo: Variations on a Theme in Old Style.

GRACE WONG won second prize at the Fifth International Harp Competition held in Jerusalem in 1973, and her performance at this recital lived up to expectation. One must admire her programme choices which, with the possible exception of Salzedo's Variations, were not merely pieces for the harp, but compositions of considerable artistic merit, all demanding strong and explicit interpretations. These the harpist was fully able to provide.

Hindemith's beautiful sonata was characterized by a particularly strong language; marked changes in

dynamics and opulent phrasing created a formidable buildup of musical significance. The Maayani sonata, written especially for Wong and premiered by her at this recital, revealed most of the composer's by now well-known devices: neo-baroque form, exotic modes, toccata-like kanoun and oud techniques and embellished central tones. The flawless and empathic performance revealed a charming, colourful and inspired work.

Britten and Schiller's 12-tone music again demonstrated the performer's strong personality. She not only mastered the technical problems with ease and alacrity, but made captivating music, far surpassing the kind of thing one usually hears on the harp.

## A bit of mayhem

LISTENING IN... Ze'ev Schul

the line. We are spellbound, not only because the actors have us involved, but also because it all makes such a good story, with more than a hint of in-fighting and intrigue, once various commitments to mutual admiration societies are fulfilled. This is radio at its very best.

What we have got so far is a superb demonstration of the speed with which news commentaries can be prepared and transmitted to mass audiences. My only regret was that DPA, the German news agency, pinched the pearls from the crown of what should have been a local agency scoop, after it became clear that Chancellor Helmut Kohl

would not be coming to Israel last week. The German press wanted to know why, and that let the cat out of the bag.

Apologies the abdication story, it seems we have become careless in our listening habits. We were scolded by Uri Porat, the prime minister's press adviser, who insisted Sunday morning a week ago that his boss was still uncommitted. The prime minister might voice his "intention" to resign, Porat said, but he had not yet "come to a decision."

Hauling out my two volumes of Webster, I found that intention is "determination to do a specified thing, or act in a specified manner," while decision, among other things, is "the act of making up one's mind." I was confused.

Another linguistic muddle had to do with whether or not the prime minister had said that he could no longer function. This, I presume, requires a philosophical interpretation of the Hebrew original, which could imply many things, and added at least one additional dimension to the magnificent act that was to keep us in suspense for over a week.

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### Offer for Lease of Plot for Construction of Commercial Centre and Bank in Kiryat Shmona Tender No. NZ/83/64

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for a development contract for the area, details of which at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Block	Parcel	Plot	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total building % on floor	No. of floors	Minimum Required (IS)	Deposit (IS)
13145	29	A	895	60	4	7,088,500	350,000

Plot has been assessed for present status and development. Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Upper Nazareth district office, Industrial Zone, during regular working hours. Deadline for submitting tender bids is 12 noon on October 3, 1983. Bids not in the tenders postbox by the above time for any reason whatsoever, will not be considered. The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any other bids.

## Southern District

### Offer for Lease of Plots for Construction of Shops in Southern District

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for the long-term lease of plots for construction of shops. Area details and construction potential at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Tender	Place	Block Municipal building plan	Plot	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total building %	Minimum required price (IS)	Development costs (IS)*	Deposit (IS)
BS/83/57	Dimona	100324	926	950	60	2,559,430	1,643,900	130,000
BS/83/58	Eilat	2/136/03/2	926	390	60	1,859,635	718,000	93,000
BS/83/59	Eilat	2/136/03/2	927	315	50	1,245,443	591,400	62,000
BS/83/60	BS — Yod							
	Alph quarter	38061	909	575	46	1,256,100	635,800	60,000
BS/83/61	Yerushalem	600/23	96	180	80	298,565	363,800	15,000

\* Linked to April 1983 index and to be paid separately to the Ministry of Construction and Housing. Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Beersheba district office, Rehov Ben-Zvi (above Yehalom hall) during regular working hours. Deadline for submitting tender bids is 12 noon on October 3, 1983. Bids not in the tenders postbox by the above time for any reason whatsoever, will not be considered. The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any other bids.

## Your money & your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

**QUESTION:** The charging of interest is forbidden in the Bible. How do Israeli banks operate under this prohibition?

**ANSWER:** In a number of different places the charging of interest is specifically forbidden. A *heter d'iske* is a document issued by the rabbinate whereby a financial institution is entitled to charge or receive interest. According to this special rabbinical permit the interest earned or charged is essentially considered a business transaction and not as a loan or deposit. Normally banks prominently display a copy of the *heter d'iske* on their premises.

**QUESTION:** Were there any big winners on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in August?

**ANSWER:** The shares of Ya'ane recorded a 211 per cent gain last month. The Ya'ane options were not far behind with an advance of 130 per cent. The Fertilisers option was up by 96 per cent. Dafnon I.O., the notebook manufacturers, gained 71.5 per cent while Lodzia 0.1 gained 687 per cent. Eight securities however, fell during August by margins of 35-42 per cent.

**QUESTION:** How have the European currencies performed against the shekel since the start of the year?

**ANSWER:** British sterling +61.7 per cent; German mark +53.5 per cent; French franc +44.3 per cent; Swiss franc +59.1 per cent and the Dutch guilder +51.8 per cent.

**QUESTION:** My bank allows me to overdraw until my salary is credited to my account. What charge am I paying for this overdraft?

**ANSWER:** The banks have just raised the interest charged on overdrafts of up to IS8,000 to 98 per cent. This means, on an annual basis, that the interest charged is in the order of 140 per cent. Interest charged on overdrafts in excess of IS8,000 is at a rate of 155-158 per cent, on an annual basis, the interest comes to 275-280 per cent.

**QUESTION:** The General Share Index has risen by some 26 per cent this year. What does this mean in terms of the 70 per cent inflation, for the first eight months of 1983?

**ANSWER:** A 26 per cent nominal gain in the average, after taking into account an inflation of 70 per cent over the same period of time, indicates a "real loss" of more than 25 per cent.

## Value of all shares fell by 8.5 per cent during August

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The value of all shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (in dollar terms) fell by 8.5 per cent in August to stand at \$13 billion, according to a survey just published by Securteam, a Tel Aviv financial consultancy firm. The drop in the dollar value in August was especially severe due to the sixteen per cent devaluation of the shekel.

Since the beginning of the year, the total value of all shares listed on the stock market fell by 26 per cent, and if the commercial banks (most of which support their own shares) are excluded, the dollar value fell by about 50 per cent since January 1, 1983, from \$10.2b. to only \$5.1b. on August 31.

And, with the sole exception of these commercial banks, all other sectors lost in value, often heavily.

The commercial banks rose in dollar value by seven per cent to stand at \$7,864 million on August 31, while mortgage banks fell by six per cent to stand at \$620m. on the same date. The other categories fell by the following percentages in the same eight-month period; financing institutions, down 34 per cent to \$179m.; insurance companies, down 71 per cent to \$189m.; trade and

utilities, down 69 per cent to \$243m.; land development, down 59 per cent to \$709m.; industry, down 52 per cent to \$1,531m.; and investment companies and petroleum, down by 42 per cent, to \$1,669m. But if the commercial banks did well since the beginning of the year, the banks fared badly in August (due mainly to the devaluation of the shekel).

This is evident even among the "Big Three" which lost ground during August. Hapalim, which has the largest capitalization, fell in value by \$75m. to \$2,286m.; Leumi lost \$89m. to \$2,071m.; IDB lost \$22m. to \$1,107m.; Discount lost \$33m. to \$777m.; and Mizrahi lost \$27m. to \$617m.

Since the beginning of the year, sectors lost the following percentages: Mortgage banks, six per cent; financing institutions, 34 per cent; insurance companies, 71 per cent; trade and utilities, 75 per cent; land development, 59 per cent; investment companies, down 43 per cent; and petroleum, down 72 per cent. No figure was given for the industrial sector.

## WHAT'S ON

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## Computer park being built at Lod

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Bank Leumi yesterday announced that it was moving its service departments from the "overcrowded and inconvenient" city of Tel Aviv to the relatively "underpopulated and easily accessible" town of Lod. Dr. Zalman Segal, head of the administration division of Leumi, and Shlomo Grofman, director-general of Africa-Israel Investments (a Leumi subsidiary, with Leumi holding more than 70 per cent of the equity and voting rights), said yesterday that "we are building the first computer park in the state" at Lod.

The park itself, which will go on a 150-dunam site, will be close to the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, and will "also be accessible to north-south traffic." In the first stage, some 35,000 square

metres will be built, and at a later stage, this area will be tripled.

"We plan to be finished with the first stage — which will cost some \$40 million (of which \$5m. has already been expended) within two to three years. And in the first stage, some 1,600 Leumi employees, now employed in Tel Aviv, will be employed in our computer park," Dr. Segal said. At a later stage, another 1,500 Leumi employees from Tel Aviv will be shifted to Lod. This will still leave about 3,000 Leumi employees in Tel Aviv, most of whom will work in the bank's branches, or at its headquarters.

At present, Leumi's service departments are scattered in 22 buildings in Tel Aviv, and the "conditions of work are not of the best." These buildings, which are very valuable, will gradually be disposed of.

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## Bringing the troops back

AFTER three successive postponements the IDF yesterday packed up and left the Shouf mountains to redeploy along Lebanon's Awali River. For the most part the Druse and Christian militias kept their promises not to interfere with the Israeli troop movements, and the pullback was completed according to plan, without any major hitch.

At the same time the fears that Israel's departure from the Shouf would be followed by a communal bloodbath were beginning to materialize. Efforts to secure a peaceful takeover of the area by the Lebanese army ended in failure. President Amin Jemayel's latest bid for a meeting with the Syrian-Lebanese Druse leader, Walid Jumblatt, elicited only a contemptuous refusal. The rival militias were locked in fierce fighting in the Shouf and beyond all day yesterday.

In the meantime the more gloomy assessments of the Lebanese army's combat effectiveness seemed to be borne out, despite the army's success in ousting the Druse from Haide. The earlier optimism generated by the Lebanese army's showing against the Shi'ite and Druse militias in West Beirut last Wednesday was no longer evident. The lack of confidence of the people of the Shouf in their government's ability to protect them was indicated by the flight of large numbers of refugees to the south.

In strictly human terms the IDF may look back on its more than a year in the Shouf with a measure of satisfaction. Although they were there by virtue of military occupation, Israeli soldiers and officers did not conduct themselves as military occupiers. They earned respect and gratitude for their fair treatment of members of all communities.

But with the best will in the world they could not wholly overcome the impact of the political decision that the largely Druse mountains would be made into a Christian bastion. That Israeli decision drove the Druse deeper into alliance with the Syrians, and further undermined the position of Beirut's central government.

It is now very easy to see that the taking of the Beirut-Damascus highway last summer served no vital Israeli interest. The chief architect of that move, the then defence minister Ariel Sharon, more recently became himself one of the first to clamour for Israel's evacuation of the Shouf. His colleague Yitzhak Moda'i, the energy minister, yesterday suggested that keeping the peace of the Shouf was no more an Israeli responsibility than keeping the peace of distant Cambodia. The responsibility in Lebanon, in other words, rested with such big powers as the United States.

The U.S. might, of course, retort that it was Israel that dragged it into the Lebanese quagmire, from which Washington is now seeking to extricate itself by sending in even more marines.

The fact remains that Israel's only safe course in Lebanon today is to cut its commitments and its losses. If there is any power that can make up for Lebanon's inability to maintain its integrity and independence in the face of Syrian aggression, that power is not, and need not be, Israel. Awareness of this fact, which did not dawn on policy-makers when they ordered the IDF into the Land of the Cedars last summer, constitutes the rationale of the withdrawal to the Awali.

That withdrawal must be viewed as only the first step to a complete pullback to the international frontier. The final step will plainly not be taken without iron-clad guarantees of the security of Galilee. But it should not be made contingent on Syria's prior complete withdrawal of its own forces from Lebanon. Syria had troops in Lebanon before Israel entered that country.

Securing half a million Lebanese, largely against their will, in southern Lebanon merely as a bargaining counter for a Syrian pullback may be warranted by the language of the Israel-Lebanese accord. But it is not necessarily in Israel's best interest.

In any case without an Israeli presence in Lebanon, Syria would today be hard pressed to justify its continued occupation of eastern Lebanon.

SOME REMARKABLE results have been achieved by "muddling through". It would, however, be a fault of elementary logic to conclude that muddles will always take you through. They may very well leave you right in the middle of mud. The policies of our present government, both in relations with our Arab neighbours and in economic matters, are a case in point.

To be sure, there is much to be said for muddling through. It has about it an attractive quality of directness, realism, freedom from regimentation, absence of dogma. History is full of cases where the clash of grand, all-encompassing designs with gradual progress by trial and error resulted in the victory of the latter. But for reasons we shall discuss later, this is true much more in international relations than in domestic, economic and social affairs.

First let us look at our present situation. The Likud government started out as an antithesis to pragmatism, being ideologically orientated to the extreme. On the major foreign policy issue, our relations with the Arabs, it was based on the old Revisionist idea of total opposition to compromise, the whole Land of Eretz Yisrael, disregard for the national aspirations of the Palestinians, force not only for necessary self-defence but as the major arbitrator in international affairs.

That ideology has not officially changed. But after a short deviation at Camp David, it has landed us at the inevitable impasse. Begin's interpretation of autonomy was incompatible with that of even the most moderate Arabs, while their interpretation was incompatible with Herut ideology. The result was exactly the muddle we find ourselves in now — the declared aim of co-existence in an undivided

country, together with deeds and misdeeds which make that co-existence impossible.

The ideology of force took us into Lebanon, but it has no means of extricating us from that mud — with no "muddling through" in sight. The result is described by Menachem Begin as a "tragic situation" (as if it were a force of nature, as if he himself was not responsible for it), but it is tragic precisely because grand design resulted in a foreseeable muddle.

THE MUDDLE in economic affairs has a somewhat different history. But here, too, the point of departure was ideologically overstated — in this case by the Liberal philosophy of the late Simha Ehrlich, the first finance minister of the Likud, who solemnly declared his intention of substituting "old-fashioned" socialism by even older "free market" economy, making the country safe for private enterprise and crowding the profit motive as the supreme aim of all human effort.

When this policy failed abysmally, causing severe deterioration in all areas of the national economy (inflation, balance of payments, national debt, etc.), as well as on all counts of social justice, there followed a series of muddled, zigzag policy changes, via two more finance ministers, Hurvitz and Aridor, who tried conflicting approaches, neither of them with a consistent and coherent economic and social philosophy. Hurvitz tried to heal the economy by denying

social benefits to rich and poor alike; Aridor showered presents on everybody. But in both cases the social gap widened, while the economy went from bad to worse.

The government's latest hit-and-run raids on our pockets are only one more example of muddled economic thinking. Even those members of the government who like to pride themselves about their concern for the "weak strata" of society (significantly, they always refrain from speaking about rich and poor) have never put forward an overall and integrated concept of social policy.

Thus we can conclude that if, on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the muddle was the result of blind adherence to an orthodox ideology, in economic affairs it was brought about by the failure of one ideology and the consequent abandonment of any clear direction at all.

THIS IS WHERE we came in. International relations must necessarily be much more pragmatic than socio-economic policy. There are a number of reasons for this.

There are a lot more "actors" over whom you have very little or no control. If foreign affairs entail negotiations, give and take, you cannot unilaterally lay down policy. In international relations there are no accepted norms of social behaviour, no general recognition of a higher authority. All progress depends entirely either on mutual agreement or on your power to enforce your will.

But there is no coercive ap-

paratus, accepted by all, to enforce policy. If you want to rely on your own power, you have to take into account the power of many other actors, as well as a large number of constraints (which can't be discussed here). Much may depend on the wise use of a country's resources of influence, but here, too, there is the restraint of mutuality.

This is not to say that there are no principles involved. Obviously there are — in our case, the existence of the Jewish state, its security, its desire for peace with its neighbours, etc., as well as a number of principles on which political parties differ. But they are the background for policy decisions. In order to maintain them, compromises are inevitable. Day by day diplomacy can proceed only pragmatically.

ECONOMIC and social policy, on the other hand, depends much more on national decision-makers. True, here too there are various actors one cannot entirely disregard. The final decision, however, rests with the policy-making bodies — especially nowadays, with government involvement in the economy being everywhere (even in the most capitalist countries) what it is.

Moreover, economics is a social science. Lack of principles, dealing only with extinguishing the latest fire or concerning yourself only with "aggregate" results, must necessarily deprive you of the capability to influence society (free, egalitarian, etc. according to your view).

Muddling through may thus be a

very relevant way of conducting foreign policy — provided, of course, that you do get through. In socio-economic policy, it will always leave you with muddling alone.

HERE WE come to the Israeli paradox. In Israel, the diplomatic-strategic domain is haunted by ideology, while economic policy has been, for many decades now, overwhelmingly pragmatic. Although Alignment governments never came anywhere near the degree of muddling achieved by Likud, they, too, could hardly pride themselves on conducting an economic policy based on their declared principles of a socialist society.

In contrast, pious adherence to unalterable principles has been reserved for the Arab-Israeli conflict — again with the Likud holding the undisputed record. All policy discussion in this country — including the internal debate in Labour — is obsessed by attempts to treat every tactical move, every pressing negotiating stand, every pressing platform paragraph, as if it were holy dogma. But where dogma begins, statesmanship ends. One cannot negotiate or maneuver or compromise on holy beliefs.

George F. Kennan once said that what is needed in international relations is gardening — and not engineering. For gardening, too, one may indeed need some kind of plan, but success depends mainly on how one nurtures one's plant. It irrigates it, fights pests and diseases. Building a society, on the other hand, is much like building one's own house. Unless one has a blueprint and works accordingly, all one gets is a mess of materials. These are not waiting for somebody to sort them out and start building.

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# Muddling through

By ASHER MANIV

## READERS' LETTERS

### LAND TAX

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With the promise of no additional taxation and the projected cut-backs in government spending, one is led to surmise that Yoram Aridor is looking for something new to tax but cannot find it. Permit me to make a suggestion.

The value of every portion of our land is dependent upon its size, location, natural produce and accessibility. Excess profits resulting directly from the application of labour in places where these assets abound, belong to the state rather than to any individual or organisation. A tax on the relative value of the land without including any buildings or other private developments would greatly benefit our national economy. Unlike every other kind of tax in use here, this method has the following advantages:

a) It is impossible to avoid — registration of land is an established procedure. The army of tax collectors would have a more effective weapon.

b) It will result in increased production, because land presently being held out of use for speculation would of necessity be sold and/or

put to greater use. This effect is unique: taxes on the results of labour, exchange of goods, money or services, all reduce the purchasing ability of the consumer, leading to reduced demand and less production and employment. The effect of a tax on capital investment directly slows production by reducing the degree of investment in buildings, tools, etc.

c) It will not add to inflation. Direct taxation of goods, earnings, etc., raises the consumer price index and adds to the demand for greater wage levels. The major impetus of the direct tax is moderated after a few months, due to government-paid employees' wages being raised as a consequence.

A tax on land values does not have this effect because it mainly hits the land speculator, not the producer/consumer. Taking what is actually part of the economic rent will add much-needed shekels to the treasury without introducing the adverse effects mentioned above; consequently it will help to stabilize our floundering economy.

DAVID N. CHESTER  
Petah Tikva.

### JEWISH STUDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the name of the Centre of Jewish Studies, Bnei Brak, I wish to thank you for Lea Levi's excellent article of August 25 about our institution and its activities.

In view of the fact that many people tried to contact us, I would appreciate it if you let your readers have our address, which is Rabina

Street 10, Bnei Brak, and our telephone number, which is 03-770477 and can be reached between 2 and 4 p.m. English speakers can telephone 03-700457 between 2 and 3 p.m.

RABBI YOSEF GLAZER  
Director,  
Centre of Jewish Studies  
Bnei Brak.

### ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In Yosef Goell's article of August 26, "Government in disarray," he suggests raising the threshold for participation in the distribution of Knesset seats in order to eliminate the small parties and thus produce more effective government.

CCC believes that until the electoral system is changed there will be no guarantee that men and women of calibre will be elected to represent us.

Raising the threshold without changing the present system could result in the Knesset being deprived of such valuable MKs as Minister Mordechai Ben Porat, Mordechai Virshupski and Geula Cohen, who each make an outstanding contribution by personal example and steadfast regard for the electorate they serve.

Gad Ya'acobi's bill, which sets out a workable system of regional proportional representation, would be, in our opinion, a surer guarantee of effective and accountable government.

ZELDA HARRIS  
National Director,  
Committee of Concerned Citizens  
Tel Aviv.

### NEW AEROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The newest aerogramme forms bear the proud message: "Israel — the miracle on the Mediterranean." Very true — the miracle being to keep up to date with the amount of additional stamps required to get it sent overseas.

Also prominently displayed are the names of this form's designers — a concession I have yet to find on any other country's aerogramme forms or stamps.

Only the kite is an aptly chosen symbol: like it soars the cost of postage to be paid.

YAIR NOAM  
Ramat Gan.

### PENFRIENDS

TOM DETTMAN (33), of 1535 N. Van Buren, Apt. 203, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, would like to correspond with Israelis, preferably from the Jerusalem area.

ROBERT THELIN (23), of Raugilan 2, S-451 40 Uddevalla, Sweden, would like to correspond with Israeli girls between the ages of 18 and 24. His hobbies are cars, football and music.

slowly and checking the highway with powerful spotlights.

Once at the coast, some tanks and halftracks were placed on tankers brought up for the operation, while others were evacuated by sea. The landing craft were loaded with the same brigade that landed on the Awali coast from the sea 16 months before. Other units proceeded to their new positions on the Awali.

Military police had control over all junctions, with parking places and dispatching points having been prepared in advance. All roads to and from Beirut were blocked with huge mounds of earth laid down during the night, and a curfew was imposed on all towns through which the IDF passed, including Sidon.

The move was greeted with universal happiness by Israeli forces in the area, from the lowest ranks to the highest.

## IDF QUILTS SHOUF

their officers made sure that every precaution was being taken to ensure that there would be no casualties.

It was only at 9:15 on Saturday night that the battalion commander informed his officers that at midnight the first units would move out. He ordered the Israeli flag on top of the building to be hauled down in the pitch dark, so as not to give any indication to the anxiously watching Druse and Phalange units, both poised to take the hill being vacated.

Within 15 minutes of the battalion being informed, the building was empty and the armoured personnel carriers packed. The only sign that several hundred men had been in the building just minutes before was the embers of a fire made to burn garbage.

Unit followed unit onto the three main axes of movement from the Shouf and Beirut environs to the coastal plain. Merkava tanks led each column, taking the roads very

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knocked out by the Phalange.

Much to the surprise of many Israeli military observers, including most of the senior command, the Phalange units in the Souk al-Arab region, just south of Aley, managed to repulse a Druse attack on both Aley and Bhandoun yesterday. The Israelis had estimated that though smaller in numbers, the Druse were a superior fighting force.

At about 2:00 a.m. yesterday the IDF prevented 10 Phalange tanks from entering the Aley region, because the IDF command in the Beirut area did not want to exacerbate the situation in the Shouf.

But in many cases the IDF handed over key positions adjacent to Phalange areas of influence in the Shouf to Phalange units. The three-storey building occupied by the paratroop battalion to which this reporter was attached was taken over by 40 Phalangists from the "Oscar" battalion, situated at Ras el-Jabl, a few kilometres east of the centre of Aley.

Apart from sporadic intervention earlier on Saturday to still Druse attacks on Phalange positions, the IDF stayed out of yesterday's fighting. Soldiers, most of whom were unaware of the fact that they would be pulling out the next morning, concentrated on making final preparations, while at the same time

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Lebanese officials as saying that it had taken place without advance notice or coordination.

Jemayel had made no public comment by last night, but is reported to have held intensive consultations in Beirut with U.S. envoy Richard Fairbanks, U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon, and his two chief ministers, Wazzan and Salem.

Druse leader Walid Jumblatt and his Syrian sponsors meanwhile continued to rule out any compromise with Jemayel over the Shouf.

Jumblatt told newsmen in Damascus that he continues to reject any dialogue with Jemayel, while Syrian state radio accused the Lebanese president of fuelling a new civil war, with Israeli and American backing.

The radio reiterated Syria's determination not to withdraw its troops from Lebanon before an unconditional Israeli pullout.

Former Lebanese president Elias Sarkis arrived in the south Cyprus port of Larnaca on a yacht from Jounieh, Lebanon yesterday and immediately flew to Paris by a private plane, airport sources reported.

The sources said Sarkis, who was president of Lebanon from 1976 to 1982, is believed to be on a special mission to Paris dealing with the developments in his country.

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